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# Press Release

## **Mayor Hernandez Proposes a Reduction in the Mayor's Salary and Benefits**

**Hialeah, Florida** - Mayor Carlos Hernandez has proposed to reduce the Mayor's salary and benefits from a peak of \$271,883.96 to \$190,000.00. Subsequent to this thirty percent decrease, the Mayor's salary of \$190,000 will be equivalent to that of the year 2001.

On Tuesday, July 12, 2011, during the next City Council Meeting, Mayor Hernandez will be presenting the City Council with an ordinance proposing to amend the City's Charter in order to establish the annual salary of the Mayor in the amount of \$150,000 and the annual expense account of the Mayor in the amount of \$40,000. If approved by the City Council, the City of Hialeah voters will have the opportunity to vote on such a change during the next scheduled election during November 2011. If voters approve this amendment to the City's Charter, any future change in the salary of any public official who takes office as Mayor of Hialeah would need to be passed by voters in an election.

"Leadership begins at the top. I strongly believe that to hold public office is an honor and privilege, and those individuals who I serve should have a say in the salary of the Mayor. The public has made their dissatisfaction with the high salaries and benefits of elected officials clear, and I agree. My job is to listen to the public and act in benefit of our citizens," said Mayor Carlos Hernandez.

**Mayor Hernandez will be available to the media from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on July 7, 2011.  
Please contact 305-883-5800 in order to schedule an interview.**